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Apply by Friday for jobs

College and university graduates only have until March 27 to apply for 100 Ontario government jobs available this spring under the Ontario Public Service Internship Program.

The year-old Ontario Public Service Program provides graduates who apply with two-year internships related to their field of study and also provides on-the-job training.

Most interns can earn $25,900 a year in a number of positions available in government ministries and other locations across Ontario.

There is a wide range of jobs available. Someone with a degree or diploma in computer science can apply to become an EDP auditor trainee with the Ministry of the Attorney General. If you have business administration qualifications, you could apply for a position as an Administrative officer trainee with the Ministry of Government Services. The Ministry of Tourism and Recreation has a position as a recreation consultant for a graduate from a post secondary physical education program. The Ontario Women's Directorate requires someone with a social sciences background to become a research assistant.

GOOD PEOPLE

"Because we are paying the graduates a good salary and giving them a two-year commitment, we are attracting good people," a trainee supervisor with the Ministry of the Environment said in an article in this year's Job Mart, an annual job-advertising publication by the Human Resources Secretariat.

Niagara College graduates in the business administration, social services, chemical, mechanical and construction and journalism programs may be particularly interested in these jobs; however, they may be of interest to graduates of other programs.

The most suitable jobs in Job Mart for Niagara College graduates have been identified by the placement office, Shirley Roberto, a placement officer said. Co-ordinators in suitable program areas have been notified and instructed to make students aware of these jobs.

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The firebreathing skills of Majik were just one of the highlights that kept the attention of the audience during her magical performance. Rather than wearing a black suit, the scantily clad Majik danced across the stage to the delight of the crowd.

Photo by Gary Bellinger

Majik, show in caf for Women's Week

By GARY BELLINGER
Staff Writer

The cafeteria was the scene of some sleight of hand last Wednesday during lunch hour when students were treated to a magic show.

But, alas, the magician wasn't a man wearing a black tuxedo sawing his beautiful female assistant in half. Instead, it was the woman who was the magician and she didn't need the help of an assistant on stage.

(Ed's note: Readers' attention is drawn to the fact that this is written by a male.)

Majik performed as part of Women's Week which was sponsored by the Student Administrative Council and the college's Affirmative Action group.

Majik began her show by warming up the cafeteria with a firebreathing demonstration. With the help of music, she kept the audience entertained with card tricks, pigeons, a rabbit and a zombie ball, which she brought all in her magic trunk.

The pigeons kept appearing and reappearing out of hats and boxes, that is, when they were co-operative and didn't fly away. In the end, two of the pigeons decided they would like a change of pace and combined to change their identity to Nicholas the rabbit, who, by the way, is also female.

Majik first learned her craft after she came to Toronto from Halifax. While visiting a friend's house, she learned some tricks which she picked up quickly, so her friend lent her some magical accessories to practise with and got her involved.

"Some of the tricks don't take very long to learn, such as pulling flowers which is a standard trick, but tricks that depend on sleight of hand take more time."

She has been a magician for about 3½ years and is one of the few women involved, which "makes a woman in magic a novelty." She has performed at a variety of places from children's birthday parties to boat cruises to the CNE as there are no specific places to perform.

Labor Studies gets new lease on life

The labor studies program will remain in the school of applied arts and health sciences for a probationary period of two years while it works to meet its costs.

The program, under review by the Administrative Affairs Committee of the Board of Governors, because of its high cost, was considered for a move to continuing education.

"In the past, it was not able to meet its direct costs or contribute to overhead," Jacqueline Robarts, Niagara College president, said. The situation would have been different under continuing education.

The Administrative Affairs Committee recommended that, after discussions with the staff, "criteria be established on which the future of the program will be judged."

The labor studies program may be able to stretch its two years "even if they can just meet their costs in the first year and then work on contributing to overhead," Miss Robarts said.

The week before the decision was made, the Guardian Express ran a story in which labor leaders expressed fear that transferring labor studies to continuing education would halt any public or labor input.

Miss Robarts said that "contrary" to the article, had labor studies been moved to continuing education, the advisory committee would have remained although the program would no longer have had its own co-ordinator.

College course

RNs take chemistry to get BSc degree

A chemistry course offered by Niagara College is being used as a credit by registered nurses who are working toward their bachelor of science degrees at Niagara University.

The college course has been accepted by Adele Pilliteri, the acting dean of the university's nursing program, as containing adequate curriculum to satisfy their chemistry requirements.

The evening course offered by the college is "a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," Barbara Sherk, one of the nurses involved in getting the project initiated, said.

Ms. Sherk is also a faculty member at the Mack Nursing Centre in St. Catharines. The nurses originally requested the course be accepted because it could be offered by the college in the evening. "It took a lot of agitating to get the college to offer the course in the evening," Ms. Sherk said, but added it is really appreciated by all of the nurses working for their BSc.

Niagara University did not offer the course in the evening which meant that the nurses, who all work at the St. Catharines General Hospital during the day, could not get the credit.

ALWAYS CO-OPERATE

Robert Hurl, co-ordinator of health sciences preparatory option at the college, said that the two schools have always been "very co-operative with one another." This is not the only course the American university has recognized, he said.

The college course is "quite a bit cheaper," Betty Ann Chandler, another nurse and employee at the Mack Centre, said.

Mr. Hurl said the university charges $500 for the same course the college offers for $50.

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Won't name nominees

Though nominations for Student Administrative Council elections closed last Tuesday, at press time on Thursday SAC refused to give the Niagara News the names of those nominated.

Donna Flutur, SAC secretary, said confirmation that all those nominated were eligible to run would not be possible before Friday — the day after the Niagara News goes to press.

Dream house winners Theresa Berkhout and her husband Sam pose in front of their new house in Fonthill. Mrs. Berkhout, a personnel clerk at Niagara College and Mr. Berkhout, part-time lecturer, moved into a new house in September so will sell the Dream House and pay off their mortgage. The Welland Rotary Club and the Fonthill Kinsmen held the lottery to raise money for the Welland Hospital and Tanguay Place. The tickets were $100 and about $170,000 was raised.

Photo by Douglas Ives

'Dream House' sale provides solution

By MICHAEL SCHALK
Staff Writer

The problem: how do you pay off a recent mortgage? The solution: sell the house of your dreams.

Theresa Berkhout, a personnel clerk at Niagara College, and her husband, Sam, a part-time lecturer at Niagara College and manager of a real estate office, have been given just that solution.

Their "Dream House" will be used to pay for the mortgage on the new house they moved into in September, Mr. Berkhout said. The house should sell for between $150,000 to $170,000. They paid $100 for their ticket.

The "Dream House" was won in a lottery put on by the Welland Rotary Club and the Fonthill Kinsmen to raise money for the Welland Hospital Operation "Update" and for Tanguay Place, a home for crippled adults. Though the lottery was for two houses, the winner of the second house had not been located at press time.

Mrs. Berkhout said she was surprised when they received a phone call telling them her husband's ticket had won the house.

"It's a good thing my ticket won and not Theresa's," he said. "She split hers with three others."

HARD TO BELIEVE

"You cannot really fathom that you won; it is kind of hard to believe, even today," she said last week when she got the news. "The congratulations from people at the college was appreciated."

"When I first saw the house I was very tempted to move in," Mr. Berkhout said.

The Berkhouts had discussed the "Dream House" with Mr. Berkhout's sister and brother-in-law the morning they received the phone call.

"I was shocked; the feeling I had was indescribable," Mr. Berkhout said.

The Dream house raised about $170,000 for the two causes, Gordon Jackson, chairman of the project, said. The Rotary Club and the Kinsmen sold 5,268 tickets at $100 each.

The Dream Houses, completed on Nov. 22, has seen about 15,000 people walking through during open house.

Honey 1 of 3 in China helping Changsha with technology

Tom Honey, co-ordinator of computer programming, is now in China on what he described as "an opportunity of a lifetime."

It is a trip he never intended to take, but the chance came up after Dr. Anthony Knowles, who was one of the original technical team members, cancelled out.

Mr. Honey, Dr. Gordon Chen, electronics teacher, and George Repar, director of planning and development, are providing technical assistance to Chang Sha University in Hunan Province for three weeks.

The university, which has become a twinned educational institute with Niagara, asked the college for technical help.

The faculty members submitted a proposal to the Association of Canadian Community Colleges who were in touch with the Chinese government.

SHORT NOTICE

Mr. Honey didn't even apply and had to make up his mind on short notice.

"I have been running around like mad," he said, before leaving. In two weeks before he left he had to get a passport and hepatitis, and typhoid shots.

Chang Sha University is funded by the World Bank which has provided it with computer hardware and software.

The university needs assistance in using this equipment, in administration, strategic planning, computer applications, and departmental program design, Dr. Knowles, dean of technology, said.

"Chang Sha University is still in the evolutionary stages in terms of curriculum development, computerization, teacher training, program monitoring and the like," Hans van der Slagt, dean of business, said last month upon his arrival back from Chang Sha.

"They are looking forward to learning from the accumulated experience of our teachers and administrators. In particular, they would like assistance in the areas of teacher training in a vocational environment, computer applications, curriculum resources (management, CAD/CAM, English) and academic administration," he said.

This is Mr. Honey's first trip to China. "It's scary going to a strange country but it is also exciting."

17 YEARS EXPERIENCE

Mr. Honey is bringing 17 years of working with computers at Niagara to help Chang Sha.

The university is similar to Niagara College in that it uses a hands-on approach as opposed to the lecture method, Mr. Honey said.

"I suspect they are a couple of years behind but their Vax (main computer) is current," he said.

His decision took only four hours. He was concerned that his students would not suffer by his going. Once he was sure that studies would not be upset, the decision was easy.

"My wife is excited but wanted to come along; she is very interest in archeology."

He said his wife left him home when she went to Crete to work on an archeological project, so it is his turn to explore the world.

Mr. Honey said he will experiment with Chinese food but he is taking along some peanut butter to be on the safe side.

Summer job registration at centre

Students should be registering now for summer job openings, Eric DeAmaral, supervisor for the Canada Employment Centre for Students, said.

The centre, at 26 Division St., second floor, helps full-time students who will be returning to school in the fall find full-time or part-time summer employment. There are 326 possible job openings.

Some areas for job opportunities are horticulture, journalism, library technician, construction and many more, too numerous to mention, he said.

"We offer a lot of career-related work. That's our purpose." Last year the CEC placed 800 students in full-time and 800 in part-time jobs.

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Horticulture students Karen Gibson and Patrick Meehan hold up one of the plants on sale and display at the annual Horticulture Open House held March 14 and 15 in St. Catharines. More than 6,000 visitors enjoyed an early spring weekend at the college's greenhouses.

Photo by Pat Barevich

It's a jungle out there, Hort Open House, plant sale successful

Niagara's Horticulture Centre was full of people and the green houses were ablaze with spring flowers. The annual spring Open House March 15 and 16, at the St. Catharines campus, attracted more than 6,000 people.

"It was more than we could imagine — we couldn't believe the number of people coming through," acting co-ordinator Tom Ball said. Attendance was more than twice that of last year's open house.

The open house featured a Bonsai exhibit and a potting display which gave each child a tiny, potted seedling to take home. Colorful spring flowers were everywhere and horticulture students answered questions and assisted the public.

The "students gained some valuable experience organizing the Open House, and were amazed at what they can do," Mr. Ball said. It is the "best learning situation we have."

The annual display is student initiated and involves lots of time and energy in putting it together. More than 65 students worked hard all year and gave up their week-end to make the Open House a success, Mr. Ball said. "The students did an excellent job and they should be very proud of themselves."

About $6,000 was raised through plant sales to help to defray the cost of special student field trips, and to buy supplies and special plants for the centre.

First and second-year horticulture students were involved in all aspects of the Open House and three senior students organized a trade show and an exhibit held across the road at Laura Secord High School. Students are ordering bulbs and planning for next year's show, Mr. Ball said. The Horticulture Centre is located at 360 Niagara St., St. Catharines.

Romantic fashions

The Return to Romance Show today, tomorrow and Wednesday will feature fashions designed by Niagara College fashion arts students.

Le Chateau, Mitchells, Elk's, Kadeeja Boutique, and Niagara College's Fashion Club Boutique have also donated fashions.

There will be two shows a day, at 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the Theatre Centre on 54 Empire St.

Tickets will be sold at the fashion department, the fashion club boutique, and the Theatre Centre box office. They will cost $3 for students and seniors and $5 for adults.

For further ticket information call 735-2211, extension 725.

Adamson writes text

Frank Adamson, ambulance program co-ordinator, plans to write a textbook during a year's sabbatical which starts this August.

He wants to write a text on emergency care procedures for students at the community college level.

"There is no Canadian textbook on emergency care procedures," Mr. Adamson said. "They are all American. A number of publishers have suggested that it could be published."

He will also visit ambulance and emergency care programs in Regina, Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver, Seattle and Toronto.

He said there are plans for a major overhaul of the ambulance program some time in the future. He is interested in researching these programs because emergency care programs in the west are so good.

Mr. Adamson said of his book, "It is nice to be able to do this. It is something I've always wanted to do and I've seen the need. I hope there is a market."

Relocation grants hard to track down

Can you carry a classical tune?

Well, if you can, and want to work as an opera singer outside the Niagara area, you could be eligible for a relocation grant.

Opera singer is one of many jobs on a list of designated skill shortages in Ontario.

The relocation grants are offered only for jobs on this list and the jobs must be a certain distance from the applicant's present home.

Included on a list of shortages should be the details and requirements for the grant. They were as hard to find as a socialist on Wall Street.

John Jackson, from the Brock Canada Employment Centre, had limited information on the grant.

Mr. Jackson was very nice about the whole thing but couldn't supply any specific details. He said there were changes to the program about six months ago and he didn't have the list of skill shortages.

He said he wasn't sure but thought the minimum distance is 100 kilometres.

The amount of grant is based on a formula that includes the distance, the salary and whether the applicant has dependants.

The St. Catharines Canada Employment Centre was equally pleasant but just as confused about changes in the program. They said the program was popular only a short time ago but interest decreased in the last few years.

The St. Catharines office was able to supply a list of designated skill shortages in Ontario.

The applicant must have a firm job offer in writing. The employer is then contacted by the Employment Centre to find out if he intends to pay any of the moving costs.

The centre then offers to share the cost by paying 50 per cent. If the employer is not willing to pay any of the costs, a written contract is entered into with the applicant at a rate based on the formula.

The list included some mainstream jobs such as computer assisted design draftsperson, electrical engineering technologist, tool and die maker, heavy duty equipment mechanic and meat cutter — oh, and opera singer.

For more information, contact the Canada Employment Centre and ask about the mobility program relocation grant. Be prepared for a long wait and try to keep an open mind. In usual government fashion it may be a while before the informaion is updated.

Basketball tourney recruiting tool

The first Ontario Colleges Athletic Association Junior Girls' Club Basketball Tournament was used as a recruiting tool for coaches and community colleges. The tournament was held at Niagara College Feb. 20-22.

"You talk to their coaches, find out about their attitude, and arrange to call up the player," Knights coach Mizette Critelli said.

The academic programs offered at Niagara can be used as incentive to the player, as well as the college's counselling department and tutoring, she said.

The tournament, which Mizette hopes will become an annual event, helps coaches "get a constant look at what's available."

Get Packages

Recruitment packages were given to each player after the tournament; they contained brochures, informative pamphlets on the college, memorabilia, and a questionnaire.

Questionnaires help coaches determine who is college-bound and willing to play basketball at a college level; the players put down what programs interested them, if they were to attend college.

Mizette said she will keep sending information on the college to those players interested in attending, Niagara showing them the requirements for acceptance into programs. But if a player is ready for college in September, guaranteed acceptance is not easy.

Time To Prepare

If the player has one or two more years before entering college, it gives the players time to prepare and get the proper requirements for the program, Mizette said.

Playing on a basketball team at Niagara is another incentive for interested players, Mizette said. The player is working with others, as a team, and this is considered a "precious thing."

"You put so much into it — conditioning, hard work, unselfishness, and commitment — you do get something back. Values learned as a player can be applied later in life," she said.

IEEE students give presentations at Technical Report Night

Four students in their final year of the Niagara College branch of the IEEE will give presentations at the 12th annual Technical Report Night on April 15 at the Welland campus.

One student from each of power electronics, electronic technician, electronic technology and computer technology programs will present a report in the Hamilton Room at 8 p.m.

Before the presentations the new executive will be introduced during the symposium at 5:30 p.m. at the cafeteria and dinner will follow at 6:30. Tickets — at $12 for members of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers and $15 for non-members — can be reserved by calling 735-2211 or 688-1380.

Stephen Jelbert, computer technology, will present a written report and a prototype of a wireless printer interface. "I'm using household lines to transmit information from the computer to the printer."

IEEE HELPED

He was chosen to give a report because the IEEE helped to fund his project. "They helped me purchase the component I'll be using." The other three students will be chosen within the next two to three weeks.

To graduate, all students in their final year must present a report. Students usually volunteer to present their reports and the chairman then makes the final decision.

Computer corporations and businesses are invited to attend the Technical Report Night and "some people have gotten jobs by showing their technical reports to industry," Stephen said. Reports will be available for people to look through following the presentations.

"We would like to see all or most of the first and second-year students come out to get an idea of what they'll be doing in their third year," he said.

Often they have no idea of what a technical report involves and "are caught unprepared" when they enter their third year. Stephen said the night gives these students the opportunity to get ideas and possibly to improve on something that someone else has done.

Employment opportunities

The Canadian Armed Forces are coming to Niagara College March 26 on a recruitment drive for both men and women.

Representatives will be in L1, passing out pamphlets and answering any questions in a question and answer period from noon to 2 p.m. Students are free to come and go as they please.

"The object of them coming is to make our students aware of career opportunities," Ken Anderson, placement officer, said.

Editorials

Last edition

Students enjoy year

This is the last edition of the Niagara News for the second-year journalism students.

Soon they will start work placement with daily and weekly newspapers. The practical training at the Niagara News has taught journalism students to survive in the newsworld — to meet deadlines and inform the public of what is happening in the community and in the world.

The two-year program has been tough but the majority of the students have enjoyed reporting and newswriting, photography, layout and design, and paste-up. Every facet of the Niagara News has been done by the second-year journalism students.

The practical aspect of the journalism program is an invaluable experience. It really sharpens skills and provides a solid base; this enables the student to pursue many avenues when seeking careers that are right for them.

The journalism class has enjoyed working with administration, faculty and students at Niagara. It has given the students the opportunity to view a mini-government within the community. The students appreciated the co-operation and help. These two years have been a learning period — a time to polish skills, work on problem areas and interact with people.

The feedback from students, faculty and the community in the editorial pages has been encouraging. The praise and criticism help to mold each student into a better reporter and person.

Journalism is a field in which the reporter never stops learning about people, politics, the world. It is time to say goodbye to all of the journalism students and wish them the best of luck in the future. Without the help of Mr. Jelbert and Mrs. Blue the future would not be so bright.

Next week First Edition will be compiled by first-year journalism students. Good luck to them.

Lori Flaxy

Challenge

Following footsteps

A challenge.

The lead editorial today is the swan song for the second-year journalism students.

This is a challenge to the first-year students to top the heights that have been obtained throughout the year.

It is not something that occurred deliberately, but when the subjects arose certain people were loath to let them die a quiet death.

An attack on the Student Administrative Council because it spent $1,100 on a mascot, criticism of men's basketball coach Bob Bedesky for his coaching practices, and the numerous parking and smoking editorials by members of staff are at the top of the list of controversial editorials this year.

It is the wish of the class that the first-year students not be intimidated by the responsibility they are about to take on and that they accept the challenge to write hard hitting and interesting editorials which will bring about discussion.

Good luck to the first-years and may you forever live up to the expectations of Mr. Jelbert, Mrs. Blue, Gordon Lawson and the rest of the followers of the Niagara News.

Anne Gable

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Sounds of Spring

It's time to dust off the rakes and lawnmowers — *spring is here. This is evident from the small* lingering pieces of ice slowly melting into the pond. The breeze is sharp as it whips through the trees across the cemetery at the corner of Highway 20 and Merritville Road. Quiet and sunny Pleasantview Memorial Gardens is beautifully landscaped with bushes and trees. Crowding the left corner of the property is a small wooded area *with a pond that resembles a park. The ground* crackels under the pressure of footsteps which suggests it is almost thawed. Even though winter was mild, warm weather is welcomed. The weather for this week is supposed to be mild and sunny.

Photo by Lori Flaxy

Letters

Sincere thanks, Martin

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Welland Branch of St. John Ambulance, I wish to express our sincere thanks for the feature article by Martin Pokol about our work that appeared in the Feb. 23, 1987 edition of Niagara News.

The content of this article serves to further develop a community awareness about the ancestral roots of the Order of St. John, as well as our present day role in society. It is hoped that this feature will further serve to alert our community to the ongoing needs of society in the area of pre-hospital and self care, and the role of the Order of St. John Ambulance in this respect.

We wish you, Martin, continued success in your chosen career.

Yours truly in St. John

Margaret Hudak, O.S.J.
Chairman, Board of Directors

Grand finale for Anne

Dear Editor:

Many thanks from Affirmative Action and the Student Administrative Council to all who participated in and/or contributed in anyway to make our first Women's Week the success that it was.

We hope everyone enjoyed and benefitted from the seminars on discrimination, assertiveness, the displays, the information tables, the videos on Women's Issues, the Fashion Show, the female magician, the Wen Do demonstration, and the other attractions of the week.

We especially appreciated the coverage by the Niagara News which included interviews focusing on mature women returning to school, as well as the article on Women in Sports. And a special thank you to Anne Gable, not only for her Women's Week stories but also for her enthusiastic coverage all year.

It was a great experience to work together to plan this event.

Mary Farrar
Affirmative Action
Resource Centre
Carri Emerick
SAC vice-president of Internal Affairs

Well done!!!

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Student Administrative Council, I would like to thank Bobbie Storey and Lori Flaxy for their excellent coverage of SACtivities.

Kathleen Harvey
President
1986-87

Thanks students

Dear Editor:

To the instructor and all the students in Anthro 410, Term II, thank you for your humor, laughter, and insight into life. I am a better person for having known all of you.

Your fellow student,
Shaz Laxmidhar

Good job

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Athletic Department, I would like to sincerely thank Donna Morrison, Blair Carr and Douglas Ives for the superb job they did this past year in covering Niagara's intercollegiate and intramural sports. At least one reporter was at all home games and most times the reporter made the effort to attend the road games also.

Peter Rylander
Co-ordinator of Athletics

Focus on AIDS

Punishment or plague

By MAUREEN MARTIN
Staff Writer

As of Feb. 2, 873 Canadians were condemned to death. About 450 have already died. More than 400 will die slowly and probably in isolation.

AIDS was first reported in 1982 and since then, 873 cases have been reported with 455 of the victims dying, says a Health and Welfare Canada report.

In the Niagara Region, at least seven people have died and three others are dying of AIDS.

Reaction to AIDS varies, with the strongest reaction being fear. People are afraid of the disease, but not everyone realizes what it is, how it kills or who is most susceptible.

Most people have firm views on the cause and control of the virus. Some radical religious groups have said that AIDS is God's punishment for homosexuality and only prayer for forgiveness can bring relief. Other radicals view AIDS as judgment from above visited upon sinners. If one does not sin, then one will not get the disease. To these people, AIDS is a moral question.

RRRR

In a recent letter to the Toronto Star, a writer suggested that AIDS is amoral — it has nothing to do with morality, right or wrong.

Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome is a collection of symptoms, the most serious form of which is caused by the HTLV-III virus. This virus attacks the body's immune system, leaving the body unable to fight off infections.

Elizabeth Cook, a public health nurse on the communicable disease team of the Niagara Regional Health Department, said the AIDS virus itself is not the real killer. Death often results from other infections that take advantage of the body's weakened state.

The two "most common" infections are pneumocystis carinii, a type of pneumonia, and Kaposi's sarcoma, a type of cancer. There are often chronic infections which can plague the AIDS sufferer.

Since 1983, AIDS has been a reportable disease. Doctors are required by law to report any cases of AIDS. However, testing positive for AIDS antibodies does not mean the person has AIDS — only that the person has come into contact with the virus at some point. These cases are not reportable, Miss Cook said. However, the health department "sometimes hears about them, anyway."

The detection of AIDS cannot be done with a simple blood test. First, a doctor must believe there is cause to suspect AIDS. There may be symptoms such as swollen lymph glands, weight loss for no apparent reason, night sweats or severe fatigue. Since these symptoms may be related to other illnesses, tests are ordered to eliminate all possibilities.

Closer examinations by the doctor into the patient's background may reveal the person is in a high-risk group for AIDS. A series of tests can be ordered to discover if the person is carrying the virus.

Generally, testing is done for the HTLV-III virus antibody. If this is present in the blood, it means that the person has come into contact with the virus and the body has reacted to it. Specialized testing and diagnoses are required to determine if the person actually has AIDS.

According to the Ontario Ministry of Health, only a small percentage of people with the antibodies will actually develop AIDS.

However, a positive test does mean that the virus is probably present in the blood and other body fluids and the person may be able to pass on the virus to others through sexual contact or through blood.

RRRR

Since the first recognized appearance of AIDS, certain groups have been identified as high risk. The groups include homosexual and bisexual men, intravenous drug abusers, people from areas where the disease is widespread, people who received blood or blood product transfusions between 1980 (when AIDS probably first appeared in Canada) and November 1985 (when the Red Cross began screening donations). The sexual partners of anyone in a high-risk group is also at risk.

Other people who may be concerned about contracting AIDS are health care workers who have accidental and significant exposure to the body fluids (e.g. blood) of an AIDS patient.

In Canada, AIDS is a reportable disease, like syphilis and measles. Doctors are legally bound to report cases of AIDS to their local medical officer of health. This person reports them to the Ontario Ministry of Health, using a code. Each province then reports to the federal government.

Under the Health Protection and Promotion Act, laboratory operators must notify the local medical officer of health of all positive test results. This procedure is the same whether individuals request a test from a doctor or test positive when they donate blood.

All information reported to public health departments is confidential.

The AIDS virus is known to be transmitted in four ways: through certain kinds of sexual contact,through sharing contaminated needles or syringes, through transfusion of infected blood or blood products and from an infected mother to an infant in the womb.

During sexual intercourse, the AIDS virus in semen may get into his partner's blood through tiny cuts or scratches in the vagina, anus or mouth.

Intravenous drug users may get AIDS from sharing needles if infected blood from one user is passed into the bloodstream of another user.

People who receive blood transfusions may get AIDS if the blood contains the AIDS virus. However, all blood donations in Canada are now being tested for antibodies to the AIDS virus.

Pregnant women who are carriers of the virus can pass it on to their children in the womb.

Myths abound about how contagious AIDS really is. People will avoid even casual contact with victims of the disease in fear of getting AIDS. Research has shown that casual contact with people and objects will not pass on the virus. Sexual contact is the most likely means of transmitting the virus.

There is no foolproof method to protect oneself from AIDS. However, steps can be taken to lessen the risks. The Ontario Ministry of Health has advocated five courses of action.

The most common advice is to abstain from sex or have safer sex. This means avoid any sex acts that may allow semen or blood to enter the vagina, anus or mouth.

Condoms are being touted as a preventive measure for both heterosexual and homosexual relations.

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To be extra careful, some people suggest abstaining from deep-kissing in case the virus from an infected partner gets into the bloodstream through cuts or sores in the mouth. In this instance the risk in slight, but small amounts of the AIDS virus have been found in the saliva of infected people.

Finally, it is recommended that people using intravenous drugs never share needles or syringes.

In a recent article in the St. Catharines Standard, Alan Spencer, a public health nurse at the Region who counsels AIDS victims, is quoted as saying, "Once they are diagnosed, 90 per cent (of AIDS) victims die within two years."

There is no known cure for AIDS. Fear of contracting the disease often isolates the victim from friends and family. Education may help to halt the spread of AIDS. At the very least, it could ease the fears that deny many victims the comfort of friends and family.

No one is immune

Women at risk, too

AIDS is a sexually transmitted disease and women can become infected and in turn infect others. However, there is no evidence of AIDS being passed from one women to another woman through sexual contact.

Some women are in high-risk groups and should take steps to protect themselves. The group includes women whose sexual partners have AIDS or are carriers of the virus; women whose partners are bisexual or have had homosexual relations; women, or their sexual partners, who abuse intravenous drugs; women who received or whose sexual partners received transfusions between 1980 and November 1985; and women who have been artificially inseminated. If the virus is in the donor's blood, the semen could carry the AIDS virus, putting the woman at a slight risk.

Women are advised to avoid sexual contact with anyone in high-risk groups. They are also advised to insist that their partners use condoms. Other measures include not sharing needles or syringes and avoiding activities in which semen or blood enters the vagina, anus or mouth.

Although statistics may not show it, AIDS is an equal opportunity disease — anyone can be infected. No one sex or group of people is immune.

'Evocative' watercolors at Hennepin

By PAT BAREVICH
Staff Writer

A three-man show of evocative and eclectic watercolors is on display in the Hennepin Gallery until March 28.

Each of the three — Alan Cunnington, Tony Akkerman and Jim McConnell — displays a unique, but distinct, feeling in his choice of subject matter.

Mr. Cunnington's watercolors portray moving situations involving animals; he brings to life a raccoon, a squirrel and a swan with her four cygnets.

The Newcomer makes vivid the precarious predicament of an adventurous raccoon out on a limb and a chattering smug squirrel, sure-footed and safe on the branch behind him — seemingly laughing at the raccoon's misfortune.

Rainy Day shows crimson-crested finches feeding at a redwood bird-feeder in the pouring rain. His technique brings individual raindrops to life and the infusing spirit of the scene is positive but melancholic. The viewer easily recalls a similar spring or fall rainstorm from his own experience,

Nearby is Family Portrait, an attractive, subdued yellowy watercolor of a swan and her four cygnets swimming peacefully through delicate, brown water-reeds.

The Dog Fox is uniquely framed with a fox sketched on the framing matte. It shows a red fox with blazing yellow eyes that rivet the viewer's gaze with their piercing brightness.

The enigmatic smile on the face of the Patriach is reminiscent of the Mona Lisa, but Mr. Cunnington's watercolor showing the lined character of a Mennonite patriarch differs in technique. It is an appealing portrait of a kind grandfatherly figure.

Mr. Akkerman, a Niagara Falls artist, has a number of watercolors in the show featuring local scenery and landscapes. In White Pine and Snow's Coming, the blustery mood of a snowy winter's day is conveyed through the violet-red and grey watercolor tones of the stormy skies.

In Northeaster, using blue, green and grey-black watercolors, Mr. Akkerman captures the threatening stormy sea. Overhead the seagulls wheel and veer in the sombre sky.

In his watercolor of Niagara-on-the-Lake, Mr. Akkerman evokes the turn-of-the-century feeling of Niagara-on-the-Lake's main street with its unique architecture and quaint shops.

Mr. McConnell, a St. Catharines artist, presents a whimsical portrait of two older men in slouch caps, toasting each other's health in what appears to be their favorite drinking haunt.

In Dunserwick, Castle Ruins, the scene is done in green and subdued blues and greys to depict the lonely cliff-side view of the castle ruins. In Old Boat Yard, two old ships are shown beached on land and they have a sad and lonely mood to them — as if they are useless and meaningless now clumsy and ugly out of the water with little hope of ever sailing again.

The gallery is open Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and from 1 to 5 p.m. on weekends.

Inta Christoff, an art student at Niagara College, points to one of her favorite pictures on display at the Hennepin Gallery until March 28. Journalism students, from left, Donna Morrison, and Michael Schalk, admire the water color by artist Tony Akkerman, one of three displaying his work at the gallery.

Photo By Pat Barevich

No more SAC pubs at college

No more on-campus pubs will be held this year, the Student Administrative Council announced at its meeting March 16.

Colin Reid, social convener, suggested SAC have one more but he was out-numbered.

"On-campus pubs lose money," Carri Emerick, vice-president of internal affairs, said. "Why should we have them, when we have the option of either going to the Duck or the Atlas."

SAC will recommend to next year's council that it only has two or three pubs on campus.

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Quels sont les principaux changements?

- augmentation des allocations de chambre, de pension et de dépenses personnelles;
- réduction de la contribution des parents;
- considération spéciale pour les familles monoparentales recevant de l'aide sociale;
- augmentation des bourses destinées aux étudiants célibataires qui ne sont pas à la charge de leur famille;
- augmentation des fonds destinés au Régime de bourses spéciales de l'Ontario et au Régime travail-études de l'Ontario;
- remise d'intétêt sur les prêts consentis par la province.

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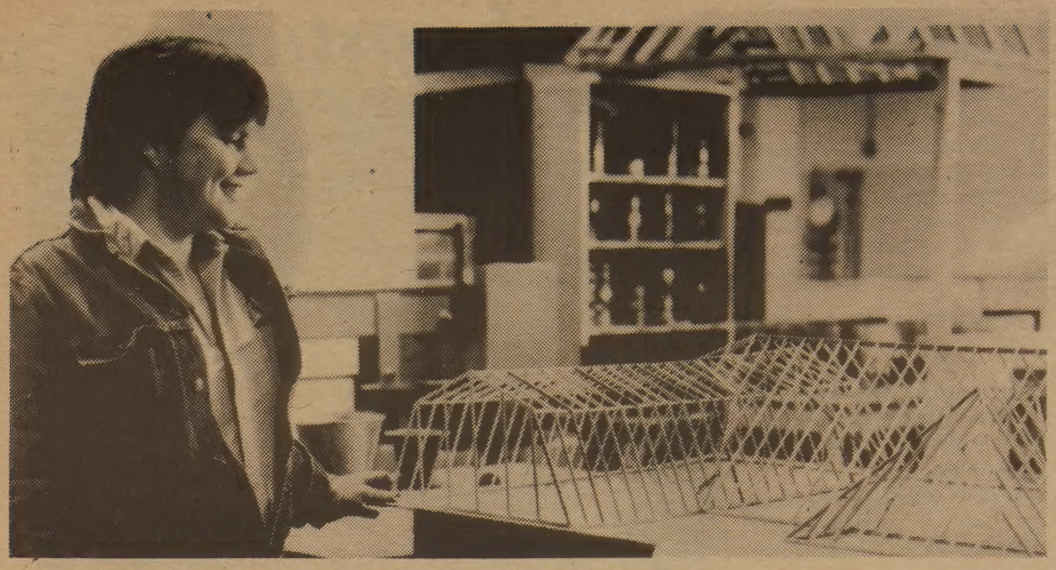


Phil Martens stands beside his second place model

Building contest winners

While some worked on their tans during study week, first-year construction engineering technology students were busy working on something else: models of roofs as part of a major term project due the Wednesday they returned.

"A lot of work went into it," Hans Miethig, co-ordinator of the program, said. "I was pleasantly surprised at the efforts."

Students used everything from old cigarette cartons and Lego bricks, to actual wood pieces to make the roofs. Some models could fit in a hand; others took up the length of a huge desk.

Students were involved in the tough judging of fellow students' projects — the construction of a roof, made from any material they could find, and the roof's plans — and picked the following three winners:

Doug Harman, Phil Martens, and Walter Lucchetta.

Second and third-year students as well as colleagues judged projects, too.

"At least 20 hours of work went into the projects," Mr. Miethig said. "They used their own initiative."

But what were judges basing their winning choices on?

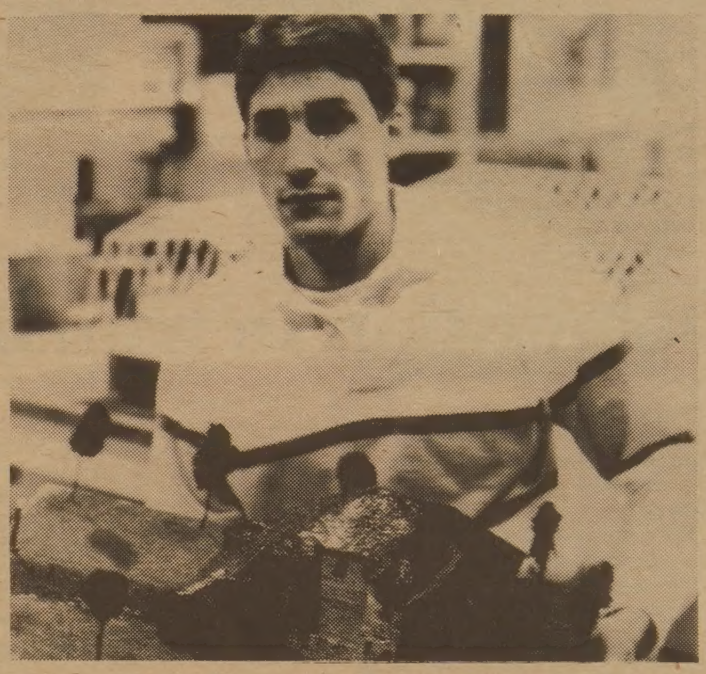
"You look at the accuracy," Debbie Bowen, third-year student, said.

And first-year student Tim Oosterhof said, "You look at how many cutting levels the roof has; the more different surfaces, the harder to make it (the roof) accurate."

"It was interesting," first-year student Dana Katic said about the projects. "It was time-consuming, too."

Students were given two evaluation sheets to judge projects. On one sheet, judges were to pick the five most original models out of the more than 25 handed in; on the other sheet, they were to pick the 12 best projects. Points were given in reverse order of judges' selections.

Mr. Miethig and first-year students were not to know the identity of the person who did the projects until numbers were matched to students' names.



Walter Lucchetta holds his third place model

Doug Harman shows his first place model

Students' band priority

Starting a rock and roll band these days can turn out to be quite a struggle as members of the band First Offence have found out in the past year.

The band came together last September after Kevin McCullough, vocalist and drummer, who returned from an unsuccessful trip to Edmonton with his last band, and Cam Ursack, guitarist, decided to form a new band.

They decided to get together with vocalist Jack Mitchell who also plays rhythm and lead guitar and used to play with Cam. After bass guitarist and backup vocalist Bill Walker hooked up with the band, they brought together their different musical tastes to form a unique sound. Both Kevin and Bill are former Niagara College students.

Demonstrating their dedication to their music, Kevin said, "We all put our music before anything else. We knew if we took night jobs, we wouldn't have enough time."

Cam usually comes in with the basic ideas for the songs and the others in the band have added input to bring it all together. "Sometimes a song will take 10 minutes to write and other times you throw it in a drawer and leave it for awhile." Cam said.

Grad VP of Partners

A law and security graduate will be the new vice president of Partners — a St. Catharines-based organization concerned with boys lacking a male influence in their lives.

Joe McCallum, 23, of St. Catharines, who graduated from the college three years ago, will be sworn in in April.

Partners is an organization aimed at "providing a male image in a home where there otherwise wouldn't be one," Joe McCallum said. An advertisement in the St. Catharines Standard four years ago aroused his interest and he has been an active member ever since.

Senior partners are assigned to junior partners, aged six to 16. The men lend a helping hand and compassionate ear to boys without a father or any other male figure on a regular basis, Joe said. Age restrictions may be changed in special cases.

The group has set up a group dynamics system. Senior partners, with the consent of their junior and his parent or guardian, take on two boys rather than one. This doesn't only lessen the 30-name waiting list but also "benefits the junior through peer association," Joe said.

Partners was founded in 1964 by Bud Jacobi who has since died.

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Theatre company using mime with costumes

By SUSAN WRAY
Staff Writer

Theatre Beyond Words captures audiences' hearts around the world as it paints its characters in brilliant splashes of color and, with simple gestures, projects the comedy in everyday behavior. Its audiences are always left wondering, a little bewildered, as to just how they do it.

The world renowned touring company, whose birthplace is in the heart of Niagara-on-the-Lake, has been described by critics as "a company which almost defies description."

The company consists of six talented performers who go beyond the white-faced silence of mime with the use of costumes, props, music and movement. "They're mainly non-verbal but not necessarily silent," David Paquet, director of development, said.

Theatre Beyond Words was founded by members of the Canadian Mime Theatre and has toured the Soviet Union, France, Hong Kong, Japan, and North America. The company is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year.

The group's latest creation is a series of characters called the Potato People. "It's like watching a live animated cartoon."

Plots for the Potato People deal with domestic family situations, neighbors and the funny things that can happen in everyday occurrences.

The latest, Double Play, pokes fun at the current fitness fad as Poppa Potato takes up jogging with the neighbor Bartlett Pearblossom III, a fitness fanatic, and Grandma gets involved in a TV aerobics program but has her own version of the exercises.

Other Potato People creations are Nothin' but Trouble, Uncle Clarence's Visit and The Piggy Bank Caper. The cast wears white masks with bulgy features and they have a knack for choosing the exact movements to define the character of each family member.

"Shows are written to be interpreted on two levels," Mr. Paquet said. For children it's slapstick comedy while adults can identify with the characters on a more sophisticated level.

"The Potato People work is recognized as being the finest children's theatre in North America."

The company just finished its second winter season at the Royal George Theatre in Niagara-on-the-Lake performing Five Good Reasons to Laugh, a collection of comic vignettes and Double Play.

Company members are, Terry Judd, Robin Patterson, Charles P. Schott, Harro Maskow, who has been called "the most brilliant comic actor in Canada" and is the company's artistic director, and Paulette Hallich, whose creation of the character Nancy Potato has been described by critics as a work of genius.

The newest member of the company is Trish Leeper. Mr. Paquet says the company "is considering hiring additional actors so we can have larger productions."

In the Rites of Spring, Theatre Beyond Words members, Robin Patterson, Charles P. Scott and Terry Judd (top) teamed up with Theatre Smith-Gilmour in a humorous look at love.

Photo by Susan Wray

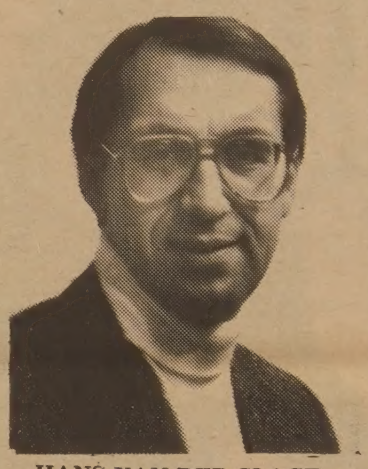
China: developing nation in transition

By DOUGLAS IVES
and MICHAEL SCHALK
Staff Writers

China is a nation in transition. A wave of new economic enterprises and wealth is ushering in stirring changes in China. Its people are attempting to juggle the benefits of a more open society and ancient tradition values.

Hans van der Slagt, dean of business who paid his second visit to China earlier this year, said there is an interest in the west, a desire to learn from foreigners.

But the Chinese know their culture is unique. He doesn't believe the culture is in danger from Western influences. Its ancient traditions and customs will be in place for a long time to come.



HANS VAN DER SLAGT

Changes

On his trip this January, he noticed a number of changes.

The people are more fashionably dressed by western standards and there is a significant increase in the standard of living. There is more disposable income and more consumer goods on the shelves from radios to washing machines.

The women are wearing make-up, jewelry and colorful printed scarves and having their hair permed. He also said running shoes were popular with everyone from company presidents to factory workers.

It appears China is on the road towards a more "western-like" lifestyle; materialism is now creeping into Chinese life.

But the differences between the west and China are still more striking than the similarities.

There is no evidence of the social problems that are rampant in western society. Drug abuse and alcoholism and crime are not factors in China.

Mr. van der Slagt said all criminals are severely punished and there are still public executions.

"In spite of what we think of capital punishment in the west, I never felt unsafe in the streets."

The Chinese worker is a part of a unit. Chinese factories are all self-contained little villages with their own schools and hospitals; thus a small-town atmosphere is developed in a city of 12 million.

This small-town atmosphere helps keep a check on social problems because of the peer pressure it asserts on the individuals to conform to social norms.

Everyday life for the average worker is a six-day work week. The day off is not neccessarily Sunday. Income can range from $50 to $100 per month with both adults working. A child would be looked after by a grandparent or at day care.

The difference between the west and China was never more apparent than when Mr. van der Slagt asked the managers of a factory why they work for the same wages as the workers. Their answer was that they were working to improve the State.

In the west, people work to improve their own lot where in China, there is a sense of a larger purpose, Mr. van der Slagt said.

While there is an increase in materialism in China they still find great joy in other things, a walk in the park or dinner with friends. People can be seen enjoying ping pong on some of the many tables set up in parks or playinng a game of pick-up basketball.

The family is an important part of their life. The people respect authority and the older members of society.

There have been reports of student demonstrations and political unrest coming from one part of China but Mr. van der Slagt said China was back to normal with students worrying about exams when he was there.

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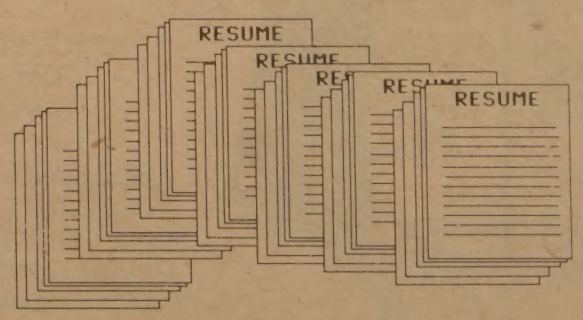

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Hostetter sparkling , unique like his wine

By PAT BAREVICH
Staff Writer

The sparkling wine bubbles shimmer as they dance to the top of a long-stemmed, tulip-shaped glass. The wine is named after the man who pours it so carefully, and in his lapel is a small petal-shaped pin with a tiny, silver maple leaf.

The man is George William Bligh Hostetter and his reputation in the domestic wine industry in unparalleled. In April he will receive the Order of Canada medal in Ottawa.

Mr. Hostetter's youthful appearance belies his distinguished 46-year career in the Canadian wine industry. Although he officially retired from Brights Wines last May his expertise and opinions are still widely sought and regarded.

GEORGE W.B. HOSTETTER

Potential

The domestic wine industry has a lot of potential for the future as long as the government doesn't "tax us out of business," he said. Table wine is part of the food complex and as such it "should not have a higher tax than cabbage." Most wine-producing countries consider wine an everyday drink and an important part of health maintenance, Mr. Hostetter said.

The puritannical attitude towards it in Canada creates more problems than it solves. Most major wine-producing areas do not tax their wine. Mr. Hostetter recalls reading somewhere that Thomas Jefferson said that any country where wine is heavily taxed will become a nation of drunkards.

Mr. Hostetter's repeated criticism of the wine industry is the exorbitant taxes imposed by the government. Government has taxed the industry "almost out of existence," and into a subsistence level. "It is difficult to have stability in the industry" with such an exorbitant level of taxation — taxation which can range from $10,000 to $18,000 per acre annually.

His frustration with taxes diminished as he talked about the enjoyable aspects of his work at Brights. There was always the "testing of the various wines to see what improvements we had made as we went along." "I lost track after the first 1,000 tastings," he laughed.

The only thing to sell in this business is "quality." Eventually the public will catch up and choose the superior product. He has never forgotten that a winery must "make the product for the public, not the connoisseur." After all, the industry lives and dies on what the public buys.

One must try to direct research to end up with profit, however; otherwise "you have beautiful research for nothing." If management didn't always agree — they would at least listen to reason. "Knowing you have that kind of support makes the job easier."

Mr. Hostetter said he was fortunate to work for Harry Hatch, who bought Brights Wines in 1934, and later his son, Douglas, who continued his father's commitment to developing first class table wines in Canada.

In 1946 Mr. Hostetter became director of viticultural research at Brights where his mandate was to establish a world class wine industry through research and development. Initially Brights Wines produced only five brands of port and sherry; now their table wines are medal winners around the world, he said.

Commitment

Because of Brights' commitment to quality wines through research, Mr. Hostetter and wine chemist Adhemar de Chaunac were able to import vinifera vines from France in 1946. Through research and grafting, these vines became the new vinifera hybrids.

Now more than 60 per cent of the grapes grown in Ontario are vinifera and vinifera hybrids. Vitis vinifera vines are needed to produce the drier more sophisticated table wines consumers prefer now. Viniferas differ markedly from the native labrusca grapes which are indigenous to North America. Without them, the Canadian wine industry would have been restricted to producing primarily fortified wines, Mr. Hostetter said.

In 1980 Mr. Hostetter was instrumental in repealing the Canadian-French trade agreement of 1933. The act provided for French rules of wine nomenclature in Canada and meant that champagne could not be used to identify the Canadian-made product. Through political lobbying, he was able to repeal the act in Parliament and thus preserve the use of champagne on Canadian products.

Like the wine named after him (Hostetter Trockenweiss) Mr. Hostetter is a sparkling, and unique individual. He lives on Niagara Stone Road near Virgil with his wife, Ruth, and daughter, Sandy.

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- increased grants for single independent students;
- increased funding for the Ontario Special Bursary and Work Study programs;
- interest relief on provincial loans.

What do the changes mean to me?

- increase in average grant assistance;
- larger grants mean smaller loans and a reduced debt when you graduate.

Where can I get more details?

Contact your financial aid office on campus.

How do I apply?

OSAP applications for the 1987-88 academic year will be available from the financial aid office of your college or university in early April.

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OSAP

Changes to sales program

In September the students enrolled in sales and merchandising will find a different program from other years, with a new name — sales and marketing.

"There was some concern that there was an untapped market that we could satisfy," Barry Sharpe, co-ordinator of sales and merchandising said. He hopes to develop the students' sales abilities. Another objective of the change is to reduce the attrition rate, Mr. Sharpe said. "It is not a specific problem. about 15 out of 35 students graduate."

The change will provide a focus for what was a general program before the changes, he said.

"We are trying to make a program that worked fairly well work even better."

The format and the length of the program will not change although a short internship may be introduced.

16 CHANGES

There are altogether 16 changes, course revisions and course additions. There wil be an element on small business management and entrepreneurial skills.

There will be a slant towards small business because the students are interested in owning their own businesses one day, Mr. Sharpe said.

Another recommendation is to establish a general business program. Students whose main interest is accounting, computer programming or sales could take general business.

There will be an increase in the amount of hands-on experience with computers, and courses will include physical fitness and stress management.

The advisory committee for sales and merchandising suggested a review committee, he said.

INCLUDES GRADS

The review committee is made up of graduates from the program, one second-year student, three teachers and one representative of the business community.

The committee looked at where job opportunities are expected to develop and what high school graduates and mature students want, he said.

Last fall the committee looked at other colleges with sales and merchandising programs. Georgian College has set up an automotive marketing program, Mr. Sharpe said.

This is evidence of the opportunities in one sales area.

Because of a limited home market there is less opportunity to grow in that way, Mr. Sharpe said. The objective is much more along the lines of a single business.

The review committee is not out of the ordinary, Mr. Sharpe said. In this course it is tremendously important that the program be updated.

Women were veritable slaves: Baernstein

By ANNE GABLE
Staff Writer

Women have to resist oppression because it takes too much out out of them and it is replaced with fear, Jo-Ann Baernstein, teacher of Herstory, said at a seminar for Women's Week.

Her topic, Obedience Training: Subservience Never Came Easily, was filled with examples of the subservience women have been experiencing for the past 5,000 years.

Women have been kept subservient through coercion, fear, tradition, physical force and punitive laws, Jo-Ann said. Women must break free from their enforced subservience. The only way to do that is to use "our wits and intellectual self-defence to break through the discrepancies of treatment of women."

TO CONTROL

Since the end of the matriarchal system, men have sought to keep women in a position that would make them easier to watch and control. Women were veritable slaves to their husbands.

Women were involved in low-paying job ghettoes, unequal pay and being passed over for job advancement, Jo-Ann said. They make up the majority of part-time workers and the law for equal pay does not apply to them.

In early centuries a woman's value was based on her ability as a breeder for the continuation of a line. Women were considered weak, evil, corrupt and uneducated, but nevertheless they were needed for "man's service," she said.

The servile position of women has caused them to represent 80 per cent of the poverty-stricken people in the United States. These poverty-stricken women are usually young mothers or elderly women.

Men held power for so long over women that it took them centuries to realize they were citizens, too.

Man's search for total dominance over women culminated in the witch hunts of the 14th to 17th centuries, Jo-Ann said. In total, nine million women were killed by the time the last witch was burned in 1820. The witch hunts destroyed centuries of women's knowledge in the arts of pottery-making, farming and medicine production.

When women finally took to the streets to protest for their civil rights they became victims, suffering from a lack of work, lack of personal identity and vulnerability to rape.

It was easier to blame the victims of bad marriages, batterings or rapes because women were seen as property of the husband and forced to do whatever he saw fit.

The laws have changed and the rape of a wife by her husband is recognized as the violation of a woman's civil rights.

It took women 70 years to win the right to vote and so far it has been 60 years since women started lobbying for the Civil Rights Act to be changed; it might take many more before that is accomplished, Jo-Ann said. Women have to continue to fight the oppression that is threatening to overcome them. "The price for non-subservience is high and victory uncertain, but women must fight or they will be swallowed up by subservience."

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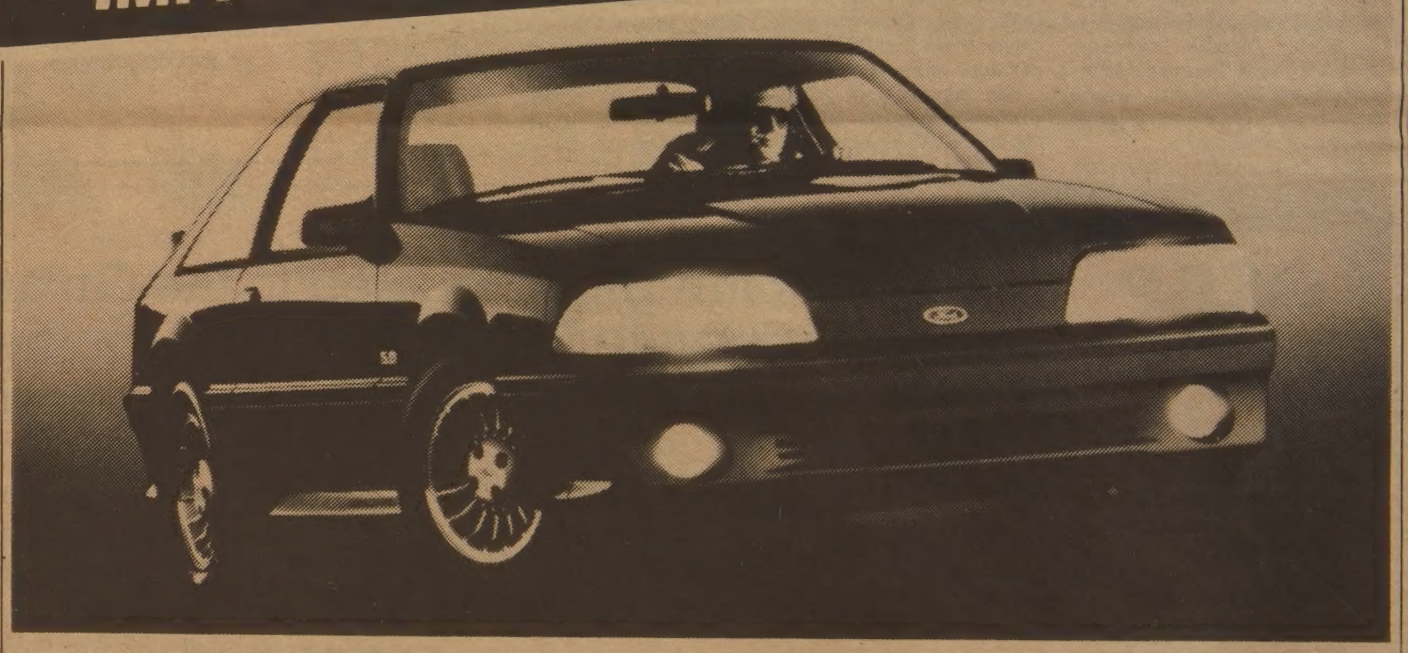

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Sports

Some excited St. Bonaventure fans pull for their team in the final game of the International Collegiate Hockey League playoffs. The Brown Indians defeated the Knights 8-7 in overtime for the championship at the Welland Arena Feb. 28.
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Good as Canadians

American hockey growing

By BLAIR CARR
Staff Writer

He skates like an American; he'll never make the National Hockey League, is an expression as outdated as the armchair fans who once used it.

Prompted by a 1980 United States gold medal at Lake Placid, universities such as Bowling Green State in Ohio and Minnesota, Duluth, are turning out more and more players as American hockey is bigger than ever.

"American kids are going as high as Canadians because they're just as good as Canadians," Bobby Jones, an assistant coach with the St. Bonaventure Brown Indians, said.

Canadian hockey is different from American because the players come from two different worlds — the junior system and the high school to college system, respectively.

Less fighting

For one thing there is a lot less fighting in college hockey, Nikki Vescovi, Penn State University hockey information director, said.

"In junior A you can throw down the gloves but in college when you throw down the gloves — you're out." This drastic change makes it difficult for the college player to make the transition to the pros.

Fred Bassi, coach of the Niagara Knights, a team which plays all-American competition, said Americans play a faster, European-type of play featuring more stick work and interference.

Conversely, Canadians are smarter hockey players with prettier passing and better touch around the net, while Americans speed it up too much, and get too "hyper," causing them to miss chances.

Mr. Jones who played both for the Ontario Hockey League and college hockey, said that in college there is more hitting; junior players "go for the puck" more.

However, despite the difference in hitting, the former Windsor Spitfire said hockey at the junior level is faster, more intense and a team concept is emphasized more.

In college hockey there are more practices and this provides for individuals to develop faster, he said. But it depends on the individual which system works better.

For some, playing from August to April in the junior leagues would burn them out and for others it would be a benefit. The increased number of games, travel and competition in the junior leagues would do justice to those already with the skills.

Through sheer numbers graduating to the NHL, Canada's feeder systems rate better than those of the Americans.

However, Mr. Jones attested to several Division one universities which could beat any contender in the OHL ranks. He referred to such places as Boston College; Minnesota, Duluth; and Bowling Green State University.

"At Bowling Green the hockey players are treated like gods. The irony is 98 per cent are Canadian," Ms. Vescovi said, from her three years of experience as a statistician there.

Certain states have better hockey programs because of their geography and climate, allowing for more feeder systems and interest, she said.

Lacks quality

Geographically, Penn State is located in the middle of Pennsylvania, which lacks an abundance of surrounding quality competition. It is one of the underlying reasons, she guessed at, why the university does not fund hockey. Despite this, hockey is their fourth biggest sport which is "incredible" for a school otherwise noted for football and wrestling, she said.

It is the only sport other than football to charge admission and is self-supporting. Football provides discounts for students, but the cost of admission to a hockey game is minimal.

At St. Bonaventure, Mr. Jones said hockey is second only to basketball which is considered "godly" and predicted it will produce revenue in five years.

Besides the success of her own organization, Ms. Vescovi has noticed an upswing in American hockey such as more television coverage in her area and schools as far south as Arizona and California have attained college programs.

Growing sport

"Sports are always changing; there's going to be an evolution" and with more youth teams picking up, it is a growing sport in America," Ms. Vescovi said.

But just how big can American hockey get? Will there ever be as many U.S. players as Canadians in the NHL?

"I don't think Canadian hockey will ever be overshadowed by the Americans," Mr. Bassi said. United States growth as a hockey nation is good for it provides good comptetition across the border. And soon American teams will start to play a more North American style.

"Canadian hockey isn't going down; it's getting better," Mr. Bassi said. For a country of 25 million, Canada still turns out the best in the world such as Wayne Gretzky or Mario Lemieux. Defensively, it would be Paul Coffey or Raymond Bourque.

Mr. Jones felt the number of American hockey players could equal Canadian hockey players in the distant future, depending on the influence of European players.

"The Russians are always going to be good. The Canadian team is always going to be good and the Americans will always be competitive," Ms. Vescovi said.

Athletic awards at Players Lounge

And the winners are...well, no one knows for sure, but people will after Wed. April 8, because it is time again for varsity athletes to receive awards at the Athletic Banquet.

It will be held at the VIP Lounge at Players 1 in Welland, the first time the banquet has been held off campus, Peter Rylander, co-ordinator of athletics, said.

Tickets for this year's athletic banquet are free. But there's a hitch. No college students or outside guests — except varsity athletes and coaches — will be allowed to attend. Mr. Rylander said when tickets are available, only about 20 people come to the banquet anyway.

Awards include freshman athlete of the year, male and female athletes of the year, and most valuable player awards. The awards will be given to athletes on the following varsity teams: tennis, badminton, golf, hockey, curling, and the men's and women's basketball team.

The banquet begins at 5:30 p.m.; a dinner follows and awards will be presented after 7 p.m.

Etiquette, mixology vital for bartending

By MARLENE NAGEL
Staff Writer

To become a professional bartender takes more than just the ability to follow a few recipes. A bartender must also know bar etiquette and operation.

Bartending for professionals, a class put on through Continuing Education, teaches all these plus much more.

Instructor Dennis Wetzel, professional bartender, has been teaching the class for 15 years.

"What I do here is teach them mixology which is the making of cocktails," Mr. Wetzel said.

Classes full

Two classes are held, one on Monday and the other on Tuesday. Every year the classes are full with students both young and old.

"A lot of them are here for home use; others want jobs as bartenders," Mr. Wetzel said. "And some own bars and want to know what they're doing."

Chris Potyok, co-owner of the Double R Ranch in Fort Erie, is taking the class for his business. "I'm the only bartender at the place," Mr. Potyok said. "I've been having problems finding qualified people, people that I trust." He is hoping to find some people he can hire through taking the class.

Jerry Riley, a worker for Fleet Aerospace in Fort Erie, is taking the class "for interest sake."

"It is a very social environment. Mr. Wetzel seems to know his stuff; I think he enjoys teaching."

Diana Matthews, a secretary for Fort Erie Futures, finds the class "a lot of fun. It's different than what I thought it would be. I'd like to have a part-time bartending job."

And Gizelle Kovacz finds it "interesting. I enjoy it very much and it's good experience. I wanted something to do with restaurants."

The students are given recipes for different drinks such as a Golden Cadillac, a Grasshopper, or a B52, make the drinks and then to the fun part — they get to drink them.

The class also attended a tour of Brights Wines with wines to taste at the end of the tour.

Taste-testing

Mr. Wetzel, a bartender for 20 years, has been out of the business for two. In addition to teaching his classes, he works part-time taste-testing for a liquor company. "Hopefully, I'm going to go back into the business."

"I was offered a job in Florida," Mr. Wetzel said. But the jobs he has been offered haven't been what he wanted. "So I turned them down."

"I love teaching," Mr. Wetzel said. "If I get three people out of a class who get a job as a bartender I'm happy."

Tops two years running

The NFG hockey team won its second intramural championship in a row defeating Mac's Hogs 10-2 in the final game. The NFG team is undefeated in two years. The game was played at the Welland Arena March 17. The teams played two 25 minute halfs. The game was close until late in the first half when NFG took control. The score was 6-1 early in the second half and the Hogs appeared to give up. The NFG teams, pictured above, includes from the left in the front row: Dale Cosbey, Rod Digianni, Duane DePasquale, Damien Iamarino and Dean Rosianna. Back row, left to right: trainers, Tony Dellavechia and Jim Chalmers; players, Greg Dugan, Graham Hennasy, Todd Scheffee, Dave House, Greg Campbell, Owen Kennedy and coach Mike Korolenchuk.

Photo by Douglas Ives

From Pg 1 University

After a year of work the nurses were allowed to take the course at the college but the acting dean will be replaced soon and the new dean may not allow any further acceptance of college credits, Ms. Sherk said.

The chemistry course the nurses are taking at the college consists of four hours of lectures and two hours of lab work each week. The course is not offered strictly to nursing students but is open to anyone.

Niagara University will offer a chemistry program during the evening this fall, Mrs. Chandler said.

Speaking of getting her degree, Ms. Sherk said, "It's tough — a lot of hassles and work." She will be finished in about 1½ years and says that all of the work will pay off in the end.

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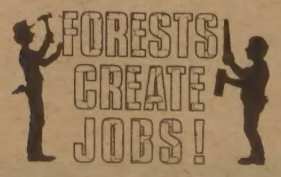

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